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The Economic Development / Education, Tourism & Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Wayne Harris and Legislators Felicello, Cummings, Roberti, Bartels, Loughran & Zimet) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Director of Public Transit has requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into agreements with other municipalities to allow for public transit coordination, and

WHEREAS, Article IX (Local Governments) of the New York State Constitution, and ARTICLE 5-G, Section 119-0 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York authorizes a municipality of the State of New York to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for the performance of cooperative activities, and

WHEREAS, Section 5307 of Title 49, United States Code, provides federal assistance for public transportation in urbanized areas, to be administered by the Federal Transportation Administration, and

WHEREAS, Section 5311 of Title 49, United States Code, provides State Transit Assistance for Public Transportation in rural areas, to be administered by the New York State Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is authorized by Section 14 of the Transportation Law to assist in the operation of Transportation facilities and services in the State, and

WHEREAS, municipalities within Ulster County and surrounding Ulster County presently administer municipal transit systems, consisting of fixed routes and dial-a-ride services and sponsor privately owned public transportation routes within and surrounding Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County presently operates a municipal transit system, consisting of deviated fixed routes throughout Ulster County, including ingress and egress to the City of Kingston and sponsors privately owned public transportation routes within and surrounding Ulster County, and

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WHEREAS, Ulster County desires to coordinate public transportation with other municipalities, and

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WHEREAS, many municipalities within and surrounding Ulster County administer the Federal Section 5307, 5309 and 5311 funding programs independently of each other through the National Transit Database, Federal Transit Administration, the New York State Department of Transportation State Transit Operating Assistance Program and the New York State Department of Transportation Rural Program as applicable.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with other municipalities to allow for public transit coordination, as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 33 NOES: 0

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE

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